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The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

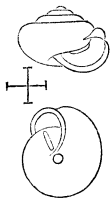
Six members present.

On report of the committees to which they had been referred, the following papers were ordered to be published:—

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF HELIX.

BY JAMES LEWIS, M.D.

Helix (*Mesodon*) *Lawii*, Lewis.



Shell umbilicated, subglobose; epidermis pale corneous, thin and delicately striate; spire but a little elevated; suture quite distinctly impressed; whorls nearly five, the last a little expanded and then conspicuously contracted as it approaches the peristome; peristome white, reflected, rather narrow, scarcely thickened, the margin being somewhat sharp; aperture well rounded, elliptically lunate, scarcely less in area than the unexpanded portion of the last whorl, and scarcely modified by the presence of a narrow, slightly curved, slightly elevated lamellar tooth on the parietal wall; umbilical region but a little impressed; umbilicus narrow, deep and scarcely contracted by the proximity of the reflected lips; base somewhat convex. Greater diameter 5.9, lesser 5.3, alt. 3.6 mm. A smaller specimen—greater diameter 5.6, lesser 4.9, alt. 3.5 mm. Found among roots of strawberry plants in fields near Hayesville, Clay Co., N. C. Miss Annie E. Law.

Cabinet of Isaac Lea, LL.D., Philadelphia.

Cabinet of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.

Remarks. Under the present system of classification the above described shell will, no doubt, be regarded as coming within the limits of the subgenus *Mesodon*. Possibly a revision of subgenera might with propriety be made to set this species apart.

The shell is about of the size and form of *helicina* (*Ologyra*)

orbiculata, Say, but will at once be distinguished by its somewhat translucent aspect, its umbilicus, and the noticeable lamelliform tooth on the parietal wall. Regarded as belonging in the subgenus *Mesodon*, it will at once be recognized as the most diminutive known member of the group. It is not without importance, inasmuch as it increases the list of rare species referable to *Mesodon* heretofore found in Cherokee Co.,¹ N. C., a portion of which territory forms what is now known as Clay County. The shell can scarcely be confounded with any known species. At the request of Mr. Lea (who refers the shell to me for description) I name the species in honor of Miss Annie E. Law, whose earnest labors in this department of zoology merit a much higher recognition than this.

¹ *Helix Clarkii*, Lea, *Helix Wheatleyi*, Bland, *Helix Christyi*, Bland